13th June 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Doing the Right Work!

During the past two weeks our teachers have been involved in moderating student assessment items to ensure there is consistency in the award of grades across year levels.

Moderation is a process whereby teachers select samples of work that they believe are an authentic representation of grades based on the range of A-E as determined by the Australian Achievement Standards. Other considerations by teachers are students’ results in PAT Reading, PAT Math, Words Their Way, Literacy and Numeracy indicators and PROBE tests which provide us with important student progress data.

Teachers bring student samples to their year level meeting and compare and discuss the samples, making adjustments where necessary. As a result of the teachers’ professional discussions, reporting on student progress at our school is consistent and authentically based on data gathered throughout the semester. I thank our teachers for their time and effort in this very important process.

Reports will be sent home at the end of this term and student led conferences will take place in weeks 2 & 3 of Term 3 where parents and carers will be presented digital portfolios by their children followed by a meeting with
their child's teacher. Please remember to book on-line for these meetings. If you do not have access to a computer to organise your booking just call in and see Mrs Hering in the Resource Centre who will assist you.

**Courtesy is Free**

School Crossing Supervisors are vital to ensuring the safety of our children who need to cross roads before and after school. Their job is not an easy one as they often need to ask parents and carers who collect their children by car to park safely whilst waiting. It has come to my attention that some of our crossing supervisors have been subjected to inappropriate comments by people who do not wish to comply with parking regulations, which are in place for the safety of our school community. I ask that we respect the roles and responsibilities of our crossing supervisors and that we interact with them in an appropriate manner.

**Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses**

The Department of Transport and Main Roads recently issued the *Code of Conduct for Behaviour on Buses.* A copy of the code can be obtained from our office. It will be placed in all future enrolment packages for the information of parents and we will upload it to our school website.

**Thought for the Fortnight.**

"Really big people are, above everything else, courteous, considerate and generous – not just to some people in some circumstances – but to everyone all the time." Thomas J Watson Snr 1874-1956

MARGARET JAMES

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL- LEIGH JOSEY

**STARS (School Thanks and Recognition of Staff)**

Staff profiles for the fortnight.

Let's celebrate and recognize:

**Mrs Amanda Hussell**

Amanda commenced at Ashmore State School in March 2010 as a Part-time Special Education Programme (S.E.P.) Teacher. During her four years with us to date, Amanda has continued in this capacity; however, she now teaches full-time at Ashmore School. Before Ashmore, Mrs Hussell taught at Helensvale State School, also as a S.E.P. Teacher.
As a S.E.P. Teacher, Amanda works with individuals, small groups, in the classroom assisting classroom teachers, planning specific programmes for students and meeting with parents. Amanda also assists and supervises students at our Thunderbirds Club, open to all students at morning tea and lunch.

When asked what she especially enjoys about teaching at Ashmore State School, Amanda comments that she really enjoys working with students who find school somewhat challenging. She likes to make school a fun and positive place for them to learn. She enjoys helping students achieve their goals; and be the best they can be.

Mrs Hussell has always loved travel; and before moving to Queensland from New South Wales, she spent two years living and teaching in London. She has travelled throughout Europe, Asia and the United States of America. Her favourite holiday destination is Koh Samui, Thailand.

We wish to thank Amanda for her wonderful four years to date at Ashmore State School. Her dedication and commitment to our special education programme students is greatly appreciated. We also value her great efforts in providing a safe and supportive environment for the students who attend Thunderbirds Club.

Mrs Kerryn Bidner

Kerryn commenced at Ashmore State School in May 1995 as a Teacher Aide; and has worked in this capacity at our school for nineteen years now (twenty years next May!). During this time, Kerryn has worked across all year levels. Other duties have included supporting international students, assisting with the Support-a Reader Programme and working with students with a disability. Kerryn has also been a valuable member of the school’s ‘Link It Team’ since its inception. She also oversees the production of our newsletter.

When asked what she especially enjoys about working at Ashmore State School, Kerryn comments that she really enjoys supporting students to be ‘proud to shine’ and achieve their goals. Kerryn finds this extremely rewarding.

Mrs Bidner has two children and is a now the proud grandparent to an adorable six month old grand-daughter. In her spare time, Kerryn enjoys meeting up with friends for a coffee, going to the movies and early morning walks. She also loves travel and on her last extended trip, travelled to the west coast of America. Prior to that, Kerryn has journeyed to Canada, Alaska, Europe and the United Kingdom.

We wish to thank Kerryn for her amazing nineteen years to date at Ashmore State School. We look forward to celebrating together a milestone twenty years in early 2015. A special thanks to Kerryn also for her genuinely caring and thoughtful ways with the students at Ashmore.

Year 5 Camp Date Claimer

What - “Sport and Leadership Excellence Overnight Camp” – meals included

(Activity may include sailing, stand-up paddling, concert and movie night, team-building, initiative games)
When - 29, 30 and 31 October (2 nights)

Cost - $200

Further information will follow in the weeks ahead.

Special Request

Could parents please ensure that if you are waiting in the covered areas near classrooms in school time and have young children, that the children remain near you and wait quietly please. This is so classes aren’t disturbed and the students can focus on their learning. Thank you for your assistance with this.

BUSINESS SERVICE MANAGER - MRS PETA DONOGHUE

FACILITIES

Security – With the amount of vandalism that we suffered, we have installed security cameras and signage around the school. We have also employed the Security Dog Patrol to service the school as extra security. If you see anyone on or around the school grounds that should not be there, could you please call School Watch on 131788.

FINANCE

Student Resource Scheme - don’t forget to hand in your Student Resource Scheme forms and payments to the office.

School Payments

If you are paying any monies over the internet to the school you DO NOT need your child’s ID#. In the reference section when on the internet section, just put your child’s name, class and a quick word that relates to what you are paying for.

Excursion Payments

Just a reminder that every excursion or school event that requires a payment to be made will have a set ‘DUE DATE’ that must be adhered to. If you have difficulties prior to the ‘DUE DATE’ making a payment, please do not hesitate to come and see me or someone in Admin to make other arrangements. We DO NOT accept any late payments after ‘DUE DATES’. If you pay over the internet please ensure that you make the payment 3 days prior to the due date to ensure that it clears in the school’s bank account by the due date. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Hiring
We are taking bookings for 2014 for hiring of the Hall, Carmichael Centre (includes dance room, seminar room, conference room and life skill rooms), oval and netball courts. If you are interested or know of anyone who is looking for hire facilities please pass on this information. You can contact me or Kate Grevett on P:56561333

**GENERAL**

*Picking up children early* — If you are intending to pick your child up early please do not call the office to get your child down to the office prior to you getting here. You need to come to the office to sign your child out and then we are able to have your child sent down.

*Absent/Sick Students* — If your child is going to be away on a particular day, could you please ensure that you call the **Absent Line on (07) 5656 1360**. This will save you time as you can just leave a message and don’t have to talk to the office ladies or wait if the office is busy.

*Change of Contact Details* — Just a reminder that if you have changed any of your contact details or emergency contacts could you please ensure that you advise the office immediately, so that we can ensure we have up to date details for every family. It is very difficult to contact parents or emergency contacts if we have old information.

*Messages for your children* — As stated in previous newsletters, it can be extremely difficult to give students personal messages from parents during the school day, so to alleviate this issue we have implemented a cut off time of 2pm each day. If you require a message to be given to your child you will need to ensure that you phone the office prior to this time. Could you please advise your child of after school pick up times and locations prior to dropping them off at school as these seem to be the most common messages. If you contact the office after this time we will not be able to assist unless it is an emergency.

Many Thanks,

Pete

Business Services Manager

---

**BANKING DETAILS**

You may wish to print these details for easy reference throughout 2014.

Hi to everyone here at the Ashmore State School. I’d like to introduce myself. My name is Michelle Davies and I’m the new Guidance Officer who is replacing lovely Carla Loughnane while she’s on leave.

I’m currently enjoying meeting lots of new people and starting to form some new connections with the many wonderful children and their families here at the school. I’m also starting to meet some of the dedicated staff here at Ashmore.

As I go about my early days at this school, it helps me to reflect on what it might actually be like for many of our children when they too have to change schools and start to build some brand new connections….when they too have to leave what they knew and start afresh.

After we have been in one place for a long time we can tend to forget how difficult it can be for our new children and also for their families. It can be hard to leave a familiar community where everyone was closely connected. Most people who move will miss the friendly faces and the security of previous social relationships.

Perhaps we could all try to remember the importance of extending that warm hand of friendship to our new arrivals and become proactive in helping these children and their families to feel comfortable and welcome in their new school environment.

**Feeling Connected.**

We know that when our children feel like they are really connected in their school community, and well cared for within a loving and supportive family, it is much easier for them to make positive progress both academically and socially/emotionally.

Connected children are less likely to experience bullying and more able to bounce back if things happen to go wrong.

Connected children will usually be more willing to take on new responsibilities and often also show greater initiative. They are more likely to have a positive ‘let’s have a go” attitude.

**Ideas that can help your children to connect?**

We might have to actually listen to, and coach our children in how to form new connections…..ask the right questions, engage them in the right experience and read them the right stories so that they are able to develop their own proactive social skills.

Some protective elements and ideas that can help our children to form good connections and to feel more like they belong include:

- Learning how to be friendly … to smile, chat, talk, share and explore new relationships
- Learning to look for positives….trying to think about what went right rather than what went wrong
- Feeling cared for by their own family……knowing they can ask for help when they need it
• Learning what to talk about and how to join in conversations; learning how to ask questions to find out about other children and their interests
• Scheduling play dates.....one family meeting another family down at the park after school to get to know them all better
• Encouraging our children to open up and try to get to know someone new
• Helping them to explore connections based on similar interests .....Getting together with families and children who might share similar interests to their own i.e. fishing, tennis, golf, or joining clubs such as the surf lifesaving nippers activities etc
• Engaging our children in weekend activities with other children from the school i.e. sporting teams, dance classes, gymnastics, footy etc
• Encouraging our children to build warm and supportive relationships with their teachers
• Attending school concerts, parent meetings, and the many other social events that are regularly held by the school’s parents and teaching community.

RESOURCE CENTRE

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The 2014 PRC is open to all students from Prep to Year 7.

As well as being fun the challenge aims to boost children’s literacy skills by encouraging students to read widely for pleasure and learning, to develop their imagination, and to cultivate a passion for literature.

Research shows that young people who read for pleasure excel in a range of learning activities, will bring untold benefits to their lives.

Last year, more than 735 schools and over 118,000 students registered in the program. More than 84,000 students successfully completed the challenge reading over 1.7 million books.

The 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge closes Friday 5 September.

This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 to read 15 books. Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2014 challenge is to reach a total of 2 million books read.

Students wishing to take part in this year’s challenge can register by talking to their class teacher and asking for a reading log.

Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier and all students receive a Certificate of...
Participation. These certificates will be presented during the Premier’s Reading Challenge Celebration Weeks to be held during November 2014.

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs Sullivan and the strings Fanfare students…

*Sonata Strings placed Silver*

*Vivace Strings placed Gold*

Once again, they demonstrated that at Ashmore State School we are “Proud to Shine”!

From one big event to the next – the Eisteddfod!

Please note the following performance times for this year’s Eisteddfod. There will be a note with more details coming home to these students soon.

11th August – 12:30pm – Ashmore Junior Choir

11th August – 6:00pm – Ashmore Mezzo Choir

13th August – 9:30am – Ashmore Mini Maestros Choir

13th August – 5:30pm – Ashmore Senior Choir

18th August – 6:00pm – Senior Band

21st August – 5:30pm – Junior Band

26th August – 9:00am – Sonata Strings

26th August – 12:30pm – Vivace Strings
NEWS FROM THE SPORTS DESK...June

Interschool Sport – Ashmore State School students have participated in the first 2 days of interschool sport Gala Days. There is still one more day to go on Monday 16 June.

Swimming – Ashmore will be offering swimming lessons through the PE program again this year. The lessons will be at Nerang City Pool and transportation will be by bus. Swimming is a required component of the PE curriculum. The lessons will be scheduled during weeks 8 to 10 of Term 3 in the month of September. A cost breakdown will be sent home at the beginning of Term 3. Fees for the week long intensive lessons will be due by Friday 15 August and projected cost will be around $40 per student.

Athletics Carnival 2014 – see proposed dates for Athletics Carnival for Term 3.

- Senior Athletics Carnival - Tuesday, 15 July & Wednesday, 16 July
  - Parent volunteers needed. Please email Mr. Mallyon (bmall10@equ.edu.au) if you are able to offer assistance.
- Junior Athletics Carnival – Thursday, 17 July
- Back up day – Friday, 18 July

Fitter, Faster, Stronger – AKA Running Club goes from 8:00am to 8:40am. Students from all grades and parents are welcome to attend. New participants are always welcome. Bring a change of clothes if you wish. Thank you to all parent and teacher volunteers. Your help is greatly appreciated.


Please contact Mr Mallyon (PE/Sport Teacher) if you have any questions.

CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

Once again, a huge thank you to all the students and families who completed the 3.5km walk with me at Ks4Kids on Saturday 24th May. The final result: we raised $509! Well done everyone!
A FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT will be held this Saturday night 14th at 6p.m. at the Salvation Army, corner of Wardoo and Nerang Sts, Southport. Bring your family and your dinner at 5 and be early for the fun.

Marg Potter - Chaplain

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

P & C NEWS

P&C MEETING: The next P&C meeting of this year will be held on Monday June 16th at 1.30pm in the Conference Room at the Carmichael Centre. We welcome any parents who want to get involved in the school community, so if you have any ideas or thoughts that you want to put forward then please come along. Your input will be much appreciated.

HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN $20,000 FROM PACIFIC FAIR: Pacific Fair Shopping Centre is giving our school the chance to share in $45,000 cash for our school! All we have to do is spend $75 or more between Monday 26 May and Sunday 22 June at any Pacific Fair store to receive points for our school. If our school has the most points per students at the end of the promotion…we will win $20,000 for our school!
BUNNINGS BBQ – We have been given the opportunity to host a sausage sizzle at Bunnings (Crestwood) to help raise funds for our school on Saturday 21st June from 9:00am – 4:00pm. We’ll be needing around 12 helpers to make the day a success, so if you can help out at all on the day then please sign up at the link below:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0848AEAA22A4FB6-bunnings

END OF TERM 2 SAUSAGE SIZZLE – 27 JUNE: Tuckshop is closed for cleaning on the last day of the term so there are no food orders taken on this day – so the P&C runs a Sausage Sizzle to celebrate the End of Term. This year you can order your Sausage Sizzle online at Flexischools.com.au. There are some
paper order forms in the tuckshop if you cannot access a computer. Orders must be in by **Tuesday 24**\(^{th}\) **JUNE**.

Here’s our signup link below so you can register when it would suit you to come and help. It would be very much appreciated and is always a fun day. All proceeds from this event go towards renovating the Junior Playground.


**ASHMORE SS CAR BOOT SALE!**

**Come and get a Bargain!!** Our next one will be on:

**Saturday June 28th**

**6.00am – 12.00pm**

We’re only charging $10 for you to come along and sell your wares from your Car Boot. Come along on the day and see Ivan Russell, our P&C’s Qld Representative. He is contactable on 0401813149. The P&C will be running a Sausage Sizzle.

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION** – Do you want to help the P&C but don’t have the time spare to volunteer for our events? You can make a voluntary contribution at your leisure via [Flexischools](http://www.flexischools.com.au). Just login into your account and start a new order. Then select the ‘Donations’ tab to make your contribution. All money raised this way is going to the renovation of our prep playground area and we will be very pleased with your assistance.

*Ashmore P&C*

[pandc@ashmoress.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@ashmoress.eq.edu.au)

**ELECTRICAL ROAD WORK- TUMBARUMBA AVENUE**

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO VIEW](http://publish.newsserv.com.au/epublisher/printfriendly.php?id=2147484527 &sch... 13/06/2014)

**ORAL HEALTH**

Students in classes(3,4,6,7) have been provided with an offer of oral health care examination card to take home.
If your child is enrolled in one of the classes listed above or are new to the school and did not receive an examination card and would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Excluding Public Holidays.

If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

FOX'S REAL ESTATE

Currumburra Road
ASHMORE 4214 QLD

07 5656 1330

07 5656 1300

ashmore@eq.edu.au

http://www.ashmoress.eq.edu.au/

Our Sponsors

Please click on any advertisement to email the affiliated business or view further details such as company brochures, flyers or promotions
Join the ANS Sales Team
POSITIONS AVAILABLE

CLICK HERE
FOR MORE INFORMATION

austnews